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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

REF: A. STATE 55335, B. STATE 53144, C. STATE 62954

1. IN COURSE OF MARCH 29 MEETING WITH EXTAFF MINISTER MOGWE AND SECRETARY MPOTOKWANE ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, I INQUIRED ABOUT ZAIRE SITUATION. MOGWE REPLIED IN GENERAL TERMS THAT HE HAD NOTHING BEYOND PRESS REPORTS. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFS B AND C, I CONVEYED OUR VIEW ON STATE OF PLAY, EMPHASIZING THREAT TO ZAIRE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. NOTING OUR VIEW THIS WAS AFRICAN QUESTION, I ASKED WHETHER GOB MIGHT UTILIZE ITS STRONG MORAL POSITION AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH ZAIRE AND ANGOLA TO SUPPORT MEDIATION EFFORTS.

2. MOGWE AND MPOTOKWANE STRESSED THEY WERE NOT INFORMED ON ZAIRE SITUATION, THAT GOB HAS "NO DETAILS". THEY SEEMED SURPRISED TO HEAR OF NIGERIAN ROLE (AS DID MY NIGERIAN COLLEAGUE WHO HAS NOT APPROACHED GOB). MOGWE OBSERVED THAT
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"DISSIDENTS COULD NOT OPERATE" WITHOUT AT LEAST TACIT BACKING OF ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. I SAID OUR INFORMATION WAS THAT SUPPORT WAS MORE THAN TACIT.

3. COMMENT: BOTSWANA IS CLEARLY NOT INFORMED ABOUT SITUATION IN ZAIRE OR SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED AS YET TO MAKE EVEN PRIVATE REPRESENTATION TO EITHER GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, GOB

CONCERN IS GROWING. NAACP TEAM LEADER, FRANKLIN WILLIAMS,
TOLD ME THAT MOGWE TOOK A "HARD LINE" APRIL 1 IN DESCRIBING
KATANGA MERCENARIES' RELIANCE ON "COMMUNIST SUPPORT".
IN BRIEF, THERE IS EVIDENCE GOB IS READY
TO SPEAK UP IF ENCOURAGED TO DO SO, AND
NIGERIAN HICOM HERE SHOULD LOGICALLY TAKE THE NEXT STEP.
IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSESSMENT LAGOS MIGHT
PROVIDE AS TO WHY NIGERIAN HICOM HERE IS UNINFORMED AND
PASSIVE.
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